

DUKE ELLINGTON INTERNATIONAL MEETING

DUKE AND THE LIGHTS

Paris - 28, 29, 30 april 2023



PROGRAM

"Few American musicians have had as much connection with France, and Paris in particular, as Duke Ellington. He was very appreciative of the respect and enthusiasm of an audience that he had discovered in 1933 and that he regularly met again, when he came for two or three concerts. A tireless inventor of beauty, Duke loved the beautiful, the charms of the City of Lights, good food and great French music, from Ravel to Django Reinhardt. His "alter ego", Billy Strayhorn, who also adored Paris, could make frequent visits there. The fascination that France and Paris had on them, more than any other place in the world, was frequently manifested in their musical production." - Claude Carrière

Thursday, april 27 - House of Boris Vian

6:30 pm WELCOME – visit of **Boris Vian's Place** (happy few) + aperitif
8:30 pm DINNER (offered to the speakers)

Friday, april 28 - Médiathèque Musicale de Paris

9:15 am WELCOMING COFFEE
10:00 am PRESENTATION « **1933, Ellington's first steps in Paris** », Jean-François Pitet
10:45 am PRESENTATION « **Duke Ellington in Paris** », John Edward Hasse
11:30 am COFFEE BREAK
11:45 am ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION - « **Duke and the Lights** » - chaired by Leila Olivesi

- Mercedes Ellington - chairman of « Duke Ellington Center For The Arts »
- John Edward Hasse – author, pianist, Smithsonian Institution curator
- Marylin Lester, Duke Ellington Society New York
- Daniel Maximin - novelist, poet and essayist
- Leila Olivesi – pianist, composer, musicologist
- Laurent Mignard – conductor

12:30 pm LUNCH (at charge of the participants)
2:15 pm PRESENTATION « **Programs of Duke's concerts in Paris** », Leila Olivesi
3:15 pm PRESENTATION « **Dance in Duke Ellington's work** », Mercedes Ellington
3:45 pm COFFEE BREAK
4:00 pm PRESENTATION « **Turcaret** », Anne Legrand
4:45 pm PRESENTATION « **Midriff: A Musical Palindrome** », Loren Schoenberg
5:30 pm LIVE SHOW-CASE « **Leila Olivesi octet / tribute to Claude Carrière** »
6:00 PM FREE TIME

Friday, april 28 - Cinéma Le Louxor

8:30 pm FILM « **Paris Blues, the movie** » and PRESENTATION, Laurent Cugny.
Guests : Michele Corcella and Jack Chambers.

Saturday, april 29 - Médiathèque Musicale de Paris

- 9:15 am WELCOMING COFFEE
- 10:00 am PRESENTATION « **Duke and Django** », Philippe Baudoin and Loren Schoenberg
- 11:15 am COFFEE BREAK
- 11:30 am LIVE SHOW-CASE « **André Villéger & Philippe Milanta** - For Duke and Paul »
- 11:55 am DOCUMENTARY « [Ellington in Goutelas](#) », Laurent Lukic and Laurent Mignard
- 1:00 pm LUNCH (at charge of the participants)
- 2:45 pm PRESENTATION « **Duke's trombones** », Ken Steiner
Guests : Art Baron, Julian Priester (video)
- 3:30 pm PRESENTATION « **Fred Guy** », Nick Rossi
- 4:00 pm COFFEE BREAK
- 4:15 pm PRESENTATION « **Ellington at Juilliard** », Loren Schoenberg
- 4:50 pm PRESENTATION « **Ellington researchers' panel** », Steven Lasker, David Palmquist, Ken Steiner and Michael Kilpatrick
- 5:45 pm FREE TIME

Saturday, april 29 - Le Bal Blomet:

- 8:00 pm CONCERT « **Laurent Mignard Duke Orchestra, 20th anniversary** », including unreleased scores of the unfinished opera “**Boola**”(exhumed and commented by Michael Kilpatrick) and an “**Ellington French Touch**” program.- [Tickets here](#)

Sunday, april 30 - Pigalle quarter

- 10:00 am COMMENTED WALK « **A promenade through Pigalle's jazz scene during the period between the two world wars**», Philippe Baudoin
- 12:30 pm LUNCH (at charge of the participants)

Sunday, april 30 - Sunset Jazz Club

- 3:00 pm EDUCATIONAL CONCERT « **Duke Ellington for kids** », Leila Olivesi
- 5:00 pm EDUCATIONAL CONCERT « **Duke Ellington for kids** », Leila Olivesi
- 9:00 pm CONCLUSION OF THE SYMPOSIUM - LIVE SHOW-CASE & JAM SESSION
- New release « **Duke and Billy's New Colors** », Saury – Rousselet - Couderc Quintet
- Jam Session feat. Art Baron
Fee : 20 € (15 € with the discount code : 5SE3004) – [Tickets here](#)

VENUES

- Médiathèque Musicale de Paris – Forum des Halles, 8 Porte St-Eustache 75001 Paris – M° Les Halles
- Bal Blomet - 33 Rue Blomet, 75015 Paris – M° Volontaires ou Sèvres-Lecourbe
- Cinéma le Louxor - 170 Bd de Magenta, 75010 Paris – M° Barbès-Rochechouart
- Sunset – 60 rue des Lombards 75001 Paris – M° Châtelet
- Maison de Boris Vian - 6 Bis Cité Véron, 75018 Paris – M° Blanche